

# UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

## Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

# SS 067

**The University of Mississippi (UM) anticipates purchasing the item(s) listed below as a sole source purchase. Anyone objecting to this purchase as a sole source shall follow the procedures outlined below.**

**Commodity or commodities to be purchased (manufacturer, model, description):**

Agilent 6230 Mass Spectrometer analyzer (refurbished)

**The need to be fulfilled by this item(s) and why it is the only one that can meet the specific needs of the department:**

This analyzer (Agilent 6230 MS analyzer) needed is one piece of equipment that is an integral part of an existing system.

This Agilent 6230 MS analyzer will replace the analyzer portion of a current LC/TOF-MS system purchased in 2004. We will retain the LC (liquid chromatography) portion of the original system. The original analyzer (TOF-MS) is now obsolete, this upgrade is required to keep the system operational for years to come. The LC portion of the system is fully operational, and the original TOF-MS analyzer will be salvaged.

The Agilent 6230 MS analyzer is the only mass spectrometer that can replace the original due to our requirements for full compatibility of data files acquired on the original system. Although it is possible to interface a MS analyzer from another manufacturer to our current Agilent LC components, this configuration would require a different data system that is not compatible with our current data files and analytical methods. This would result in the loss of the use of years of data we have acquired and utilize for our current research.

This LC/TOF-MS system is a crucial instrument for research in the School of Pharmacy. This instrument provides high resolution and accurate mass measurements of pure compounds in complex mixtures. The current instrument serves as a research tool for many investigators in the National Center for Natural Products Research as well as the Department of Biomolecular Sciences, it is imperative that instrument be upgraded to continue its service life for years to come.

**Name of company/individual selling the item and why that source is the only possible source that can provide the required item(s):**

Agilent Technologies manufactures and distributes this instrument. Agilent has confirmed that no other distributors can provide this instrument.

**Why the amount to be expended for the commodity is reasonable:**

Total purchase amount includes the refurbished Agilent 6230 MS analyzer, a data workstation, and installation, training and 1-year SW update and phone assist. Shipping fees will be covered by the vendor.

We are wanting to purchase a demonstration unit refurbished to like-new condition. The demonstration/refurbished unit is offered with a 49% discount (44% as a "demo" discount plus a standard 5% discount for UM customers).

**Efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the commodity:**

Having realized months ago that our current Agilent MS analyzer was beginning to have issues with instability of accurate mass measurements, we explored all options and asked our Agilent representative to help us find a cost-effective solution. He was very diligent in and located a demo unit which he could offer with a maximum discount. Agilent has agreed to pay for the shipping of all items needed to complete receiving and installing the equipment.

**Submission Instructions and Format of Response from Objecting Parties:**

**Interested parties who have reason to believe that the item(s) above should not be certified as a sole source should provide information in the following format for UM to use in determining whether or not to proceed with awarding the Sole Source purchase.**

**1.1 Interested Party Information**

**1.1.1 Contact Name, Phone Number, Address and email address**

**1.1.2 Company Website URL, if applicable**

**1.2 Objection to Sole Source Certification**

**1.2.1 Interested parties must present specific objections to the Sole Source certification using the criteria listed above.**

**1.2.2 A statement regarding the Interested Party's capabilities as related to this Sole Source Certification Request.**

**1.3 Comments will be accepted at any time prior to Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at 3:00 pm (Central Time) to Katherine Jones at**

[kajones4@olemiss.edu](mailto:kajones4@olemiss.edu) (with Cc: to [purchase@olemiss.edu](mailto:purchase@olemiss.edu) ) at The University of Mississippi Procurement Services Department, 164 Jeanette Phillips Drive, PO Box 1848, University, Mississippi 38677. Responses may be delivered by hand, via regular mail, overnight delivery, or e-mail. The envelope or email should reference the sole source number. **UM WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DELAYS IN THE DELIVERY OF RESPONSES.** It is solely the responsibility of the Interested Parties that responses reach UM on time. Interested Parties may contact Katherine Jones to verify the receipt of their Responses. Responses received after the deadline will be rejected.

**If after a review of the submitted notice and documents, UM determines that the commodity in the proposed sole source request can be provided by another person or entity, then UM will withdraw the sole source certification and submit the procurement of the commodity to an advertised competitive bid or selection process.**

**If UM determines after review that there is only one (1) source for the required commodity, then UM will appeal to the Public Procurement Review Board for approval to purchase.**